



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 5, 2007

### **S. 268**

#### **Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on January 31, 2007*

S. 268 would establish the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. Assuming appropriation of the necessary or authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the National Park Service (NPS) would spend \$14.5 million over the next five years to develop the new trail and to manage it under cooperative agreements with nonfederal partners. Enacting S. 268 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

S. 268 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Under S. 268, the proposed Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail would be established as an auto route primarily along existing highways and other public lands in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The new trail would not become a unit of the National Park System but would instead be managed in partnership with state officials and other public and private entities. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million for development of the trail.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$12 million over the 2007-2011 period to design and construct a trail management office, visitor facilities, and interpretive programs. In addition, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend about \$500,000 a year, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, to prepare a general management plan for the trail and to provide assistance to nonfederal partners who help to manage trail facilities and programs.

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